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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PORG SY
SUBJ: IATA VIEW OF RESTRICTIONS ON JEWS TRAVELING TO MIDDLE EAST

REF: STATE 42973

1. EMBASSY HAS FOLLOWED WITHINTEREST EXCHANGE BETWEEN DAMASCUS
AND DEPARTMENT ON LANGUAGE CONCERNING TRAVEL TO SYRIA
WHICH APPEARS IN TRAVEL GUIDES JOINTLY PUBLISHED BY 15 AIRLINES
AND BY PAN AMERICAN. WE BELIEVE IT WOULD ALSO BE USEFUL TO
CHECK LANGUAGE IN THESE PUBLICATIONS TO BE SURE EGYPT'S
POLICY IS CORRECTLY RECORDED.

2. GOE POLICY IS AS FOLLOWS: EGYPT ACCEPTS VISA APPLICATIONS
FROM ALL NATIONALS, WHETHER OF JEWISH FAITH OR NOT, WITH THE
SOLE EXCEPTION OF ISRAELI CITIZENS. IT IS THE OFFICIAL POLICY
OF EGYPT TO PLACE VISAS IN PASSPORTS EVEN THOUGH THEY MAY CONTAIN
VALID OR CANCELLED ISRAELI VISAS.

3. COMMENT: WHILE PLACING EGYPTIAN VISAS IN PASSPORTS WHICH
CONTAIN ISRAELI VISAS IS OFFICIAL POLICY AS ENUNCIATED TO US ON
NUMEROUS OCCASIONS BY FONMIN FAHMY, INDIVIDUAL EGYPTIAN
CONSULS OR IMMIGRATION OFFICIALS MAY ON OCCASION REFUSE TO
DO SO. IN FACT, WE UNDERSTAND THE EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON SOME-
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TIMES REFUSES TO GRANT VISAS ON THESE GROUNDS. DEPARTMENT MAY
WISH TO CLARIFY THIS LATTER POINT.

4. WHEN SUCH ERRORS HAVE COME TO OUR ATTENTION, WE HAVE QUERIED
MFA, WHICH INVARIABLY ACKNOWLEDGES MISTAKE AND BLAMES
INCOMPETENCE OF JUNIOR OFFICIALS.
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